



If you haven't seen it already, you might like to look at the first iteration of "Issues in ARMOR." Hop into your net cruiser and go to:

<http://www.awwg.org/~dave/armormag/cover.htm>

(To get there you obviously must have access to the Internet.)

The Spring 1996 edition concentrates on a topic that has generated a lot of interest during the last year or so inside *ARMOR*. We've chosen to show all of the material on how the new technology is going to affect the ways we fight, the ways we train to fight, and how it should affect those fighting and training strategies. We've included a variety of articles, several letters to the editor, and a "Commander's Hatch" column, and woven them into a logical presentation that every practitioner of armored warfare should find engaging. There are 14 pieces of material to date. We start with LTC Hertling's vision on what warfare in a fully digitized unit might be like in a battle taking place in 2008, (*ARMOR*, Jan/Feb 95), and ending with a letter to the editor from 1Lt Beshorse that appears in this very issue.

However, the story thread shouldn't end with the last letter by the Lieutenant. We envision a dynamic site where an interested *armorophile* can read through the string of relevant materials and see the development of thought — at least published thought — on an issue affecting the armor community. Then, if he wants to, that reader will have the opportunity to send in his own comments on what he has just read. If he chooses, he can add his own comments, via e-mail, to the discussion, to be posted by the "Issues in ARMOR" administrator.

This new electronic aspect of the magazine will never replace the copy you have in your hands. It is, however, going to help us show the development of an issue, the discussion of all the facets, and allow for participation in a different way. It will be a good tool for students at various Army schools, for we will have done some of the legwork in getting together in one place relevant thought on the issue topic. Research papers and staff studies may get faster running starts if the student chooses to use the "Issues" topic.

All of the material present at an "Issues in ARMOR" first posting will come from the pages of *ARMOR*. What is posted later will most likely be a mixture of published and unpublished materials. In this way, the site becomes much more than a neat place to go to in order to find *ARMOR* magazine things. We wouldn't go to all of the trouble if our efforts were easily replicated by you merely digging through that box in your basement or driving across post to the library to get that one article needed for your OPD/NCOPD.

When you go the Fort Knox Doctrine home page (<http://members.aol.com/awwg/knoxdoc.htm>), you'll find "Issues in ARMOR" linked to it. You won't see a reproduction of the magazine, so don't be disappointed. Most of the illustrations and photographs in the articles are missing unless they were key to meaning such as maps, diagrams, and charts. Maybe as system hardware gets faster, we'll add all the artwork back into the presentation, but to keep users from getting too frustrated as slow loading graphics appear on their pages, we'll omit the non-essential ones for now. True, pictures tell a thousand words, but words do contain the persuasive arguments.

If, as you cruise, you have substantive comments to add to the discussion, please send them to the e-mail address indicated. We have set up a dedicated mailbox to handle whatever volume of electronic mail we receive. We'll screen it, consider adding it to the presentation at the next update, consider publishing it in the letters to the editor section, and give you a response if one is necessary. As you read and think of improvements, let us know.

"Issues in ARMOR" is dynamic and meant to change as our knowledge of how to use the Internet grows. This column will never replace the magazine, but it will supplement some of the discussions that run through its pages. We want to encourage professional discussion in the armored force. Let us know how you like it, if you like it, whether it is useful, and what improvements you would want us to consider making.

Enjoy the ride.

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